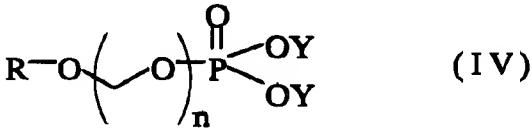


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 R^2 is hydrogen or an alkali metal ion or a protonated amine or a protonated amino acid, and
 n is an integer of 1 or 2;
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

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8. A compound according to formula IV:



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wherein,

R-O- is a residue of a phenol-containing pharmaceutical compound, [excluding taxol,]

Y is a phosphono protecting group, and

n is an integer of 1 or 2;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

REMARKS

The above amendments are submitted to help clarify the claims and do not raise a new issue, nor do they attempt to enter any new matter.

Applicant's representative contacted Examiner Aulakh on Tuesday, September 12, 2000, and discussed the amendment. It was agreed to delete the limitation "excluding taxol" because the claim is directed to a "phenol-containing pharmaceutical